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Title: **METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR MONITORING, COLLECTING,  
STORING, PROCESSING AND USING NETWORK TRAFFIC DATA  
OF OVERLAPPING TIME PERIODS (as amended)**

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The applicants respectfully request that the following references be considered in the examination of the above-identified application. A copy of each reference is enclosed.

**United States Patents**

<u>Patent No.</u>	<u>Inventor</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Date Issued</u>
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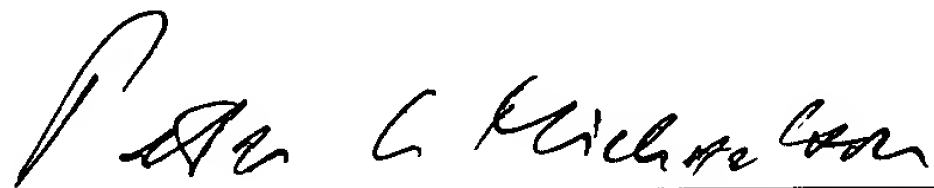
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These references constitute all the references cited by either the Applicants or the Examiner in Applicants' parent patent application serial no. 09/131,717, filed August 10, 1998.

For the Examiner's convenience, the Applicants have attached a completed modified Form PTO/SB/08A hereto.

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